Rec^d July 7^th
Ans^d 8^th

84 Clinton St. Brooklyn N.Y.
July 1^st 1860

Dr. Engelmann.

Dear Sir -

Enclosed you will find the new Marsilea which I discovered last week. I cannot get the fruit for you till Sept. but send it now to let you know it has been found. & to await your wishes as regards any specimens of the same - it is useless for me to wish to Exchange any specimens with you for you have everything - I nothing but what I collect here in N.Y. & New England - I wish to get western plants if in my power & will take any

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measures to do so — I have
no plants that do not grow
north of New Jersey —
Let me quote you Dr. Grays
letter to me in regard to the
Marsilea —

"Your letter was a surprise
- The plant is certainly Marsilea
quadrifolia L. the European
Species. — Entirely new to this
Country — How local some
species are — Pray secure a good
lot of specimens" &c "As a proof
of notices for Sillimans Journal
was before me when your letter
came I took the liberty to insert
a notice of this interesting discovery
the July No."

I suppose of course it is M.
quad. My friend Mr D.C. Eaton + myself. have
been at it and his specimens of
the European M. q. has not the

brownish markings or rather the "brownish pigment in the parenchymatous areoles of the leaves". I believe it is the only Marsilea East of the Miss. Will you tell me what ones are west & of whom or how I can procure specimens of the same —

Resp. Yrs.
Timothy F. Allen

P.S. I should like to know of any young collectors in the west who wish Eastern plants - or Algae

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Recd Sept 3d
Ans — 10th

Brooklyn. L.I. Aug. 28/1860

Dr George Engelmann.

Dear Sir

I have just returned from a visit to my Marsilea bringing my sheaves with me & enclose some specimens for you – Mr Eaton & myself are taking almost daily excursions into the salt marshes & *pines* about here – & next week meditate a descent upon the Pine barrens of New Jersey expecting a rich harvest – If you can give me the names of the plants you would like I will try & get most of them. Dr Mead gave me a *tough!* list – but I can send him most of them except the Virginian species – I was in hopes to make out good sets of Algae this fall – but have been turned away from bestowing that labor necessary for completeness - dredging the bays is necessary - I have no one to help me + have to pay dearly for all aids &c it has been put back -

If you can afford to make me up a little bundle of plants I shall not easily obtain otherwise I shall be deeply indebted + will do anything for you I can - We have but three species of Vitis with us of those I have very good specimens - I always endeavor to make good specimens where possible

The Marsilea causes some dispute among the Doctors - Dr Hooker (W. J.) wrote me for some + I am awaiting his answer. I do not know enough to name it. I do not care to make a blunder + would be liable to do so ——

Trusting you will like the specimens & also to hear from you further - believe me -

Very Resp. Yrs.

Timothy F. Allen

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R — Dec 10
Ans — 20

Allen

Office of T. F. Allen, M.D.,
No. 3 East 33d Street,

New York, 12 7 1870

Dear Sir

I send you some of the Lemna (Valdivian which I gathered in Sept at Patchague — it grows in tangled *masses* *wholly submerged* this is in fresh water & I think you can grow it from what I send. I kept it growing in my aquarium for 3 years always the same character

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I doubt its being
L. Valdiviana but
Hegelmaier says Austi
Torreyi is Valdiv. & this
corresponds remarkabl
to his Torreyi –
I should be glad to
receive your opinion
of it –

Yours

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Rec May 9
Ans. same day

10 East 36th St
New York
May 7' 1879

Dear Sir

I have sent you two parts of my Characeae Americanae. and now take the liberty of writing a begging letter —

I desire to make my monograph complete and knowing ~~that~~ you have several original specimens of the species named by

[illegible]

Nitella prolong A.Br. 1858

Santee Canal Ravenel

Lindheimer Fl. Tex. exsicc. 753. 1847

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the late Prof Braun I wish to beg that you would if possible let me have a sample of each species or even ~~give~~ loan them to me with an assurance of their safe return -

Do you know whether or not Prof Braun ever published a description of Nitella praelonga in herb Ravenel ?

Very sincerely yrs -

T. F. Allen

T. F. Allen

To
Dr Geo Engelmann

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T. F. Allen, M.D.
St. Clair Smith, M.D.
10 East 36th Street,

Rec. Apr 23
ans Jun 2

New York April 20 1880

Dr Geo. Engelmann

Dear Sir

Week by week I have postponed writing hoping to send you my new plates in return for your great kindness —

Parts 1 & 2 have been reengraved & six plates are now being issued by Mr. Cassino of Boston — I hope you will find them acurate and the text satisfactory — During this year I have added largely to my stock from all parts of the world and shall rapidly publish our American species — Before another year passes I hope to visit your herbarium — some species I desire to examine, with your permission —

Trusting I may be forgiven for my apparent negligence I remain yrs sincerely T. F. Allen

ans Jan 30

Dec. 9. 1880

Dear Sir

I have sent by Express Pars I of my Characeae Amer. Exsiccatae" as a partial discharge of my indebtedness to you —

My new N. megacarpa was incorrectly referred by Mr. Halsted to N. intricata —

Very truly yours —

T. F. Allen

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The "CHARACEÆ AMERICANÆ EXSICCATÆ" has been prepared for the purpose of stimulating the search for these interesting plants by American botanists. There are few localities in which from six to twelve different forms may not be found. Some species mature early in the season, others late. Numerous clearly defined *species*, *varieties* and *forms* belonging to America are already known, and to these frequent additions are being made. A *variety*, or even a *form* seems to be persistent in a given locality, though it may not be found every year; and we are desirous to obtain all forms, in order to complete a scheme of the American Characeæ. *We shall be glad to exchange a part of the* "EXSICCATÆ" *for a hundred specimens of a desirable species, variety or form.* The specimens should be mounted on white paper; if delicate, they should be floated on paper under water. Correspondence cordially invited.

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Ans Febr 5

N.Y. Feb 1st 1881.

Dear Sir

Thanks for the pretty Chara.
it is C. fragilis var. barbata, however
I have not seen this variety before
from this country. It forms an
intermediate step between C. fragilis and
C. delicatula Ag. The latter I have found
in Long Island.

You did not mention receiving
my "Exsiccatae" part I. I sent
it by Express and trust it has not
miscarried.

Very truly Yrs

T. F. Allen

To

Dr G. Engelmann

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T. F. Allen, M.D.
10 East 36th Street,

Rec Nov 16th
Ans 20

New York, Nov. 13 1881

Dr G. Engelmann

Dear Sir

I am working out, with great care the polymorphous species Chara Coronata Ziz. I find great difficulty in ~~finding~~ fixing the definite characters of the varieties, indeed there are many intermediate forms; In your list of localities you give the following, from each of which I would like a *microscopic* bit – even *one* "folia" with mature sporangia will answer my purpose

– N. C. Curtis
– Kansas Fendler
Upper Missouri, Hayden
– Ills, Bendel
– St. Louis Engelmann
– Montreal Wright

var. Braunii

– Delaware Tatnall
= N. C. Curtis

v. Schweinitzii

If you can spare the time to give me a list of each I shall be under great obligations & return the favor with some interesting intermediate forms of this species & some new species of Chara –

Yrs

T. F. Allen

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T. F. Allen, M.D.
10 East 36th Street,

Rec Jan 17
ans 18

New York, Jan. 15. 1884

Dr. Geo. Engelmann.

Dear Sir:

I send by today's mail a copy of the 4th part of my "Characeae Exsiccatae" together with a reprint of my article on the "American Tolypella."

It will give me great pleasure to receive from you any specimens of "Characeae" which may come to your notice or any notes or observations on the habitat of these plants which you have opportunity to make.

I trust the package will arrive safely.

Yours very truly
T. F. Allen,
M.

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